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25 June 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: General Magruder's Comments on Draft of OPC Strategic Plan

1. On 21 June 1951, I called on General Magruder, at his request, to receive and discuss his comments on the Strategic Plan. I also left with him a copy of the revised draft explaining that generally it contained only editorial revisions on the previous draft. General Magruder's comments are set forth below identified by section and paragraph number of the plan to which they refer. It is his understanding that the plan will be scheduled for discussion at a future Representatives' meeting at which time he will have an opportunity to further elaborate his views on some of the more important sections on which he has commented.

I A: Suggest the phrase "Foreign Programs" be elaborated to state the intent of this section more specifically.

II B 4: The parenthetical expression under this paragraph that "if such action should occur, it will be a signal that ~~general war~~ is at hand" would not hold for [The revised draft corrected to]

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II B 16: Suggest a rewording of this paragraph by substituting the words "critically important" for "essential" and the words "both ... and" for "either...or."

IV D: Suggest this heading be changed from "Operational Assumptions" to "Assumptions Affecting the Covert Operations."

IV D 2: Now that the PSB is established, suggest this paragraph be changed to read simply "the Psychological Strategy Board" instead of "a Strategy Board responsible to the National Security Council."

V B 1: The meaning

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V B 1: The meaning of the word "facilities" is not clear. Suggest this term be spelled out.

V B 2: This task should be defined more narrowly by saying, for example, "to assist in defending the non-Communist world against further Communist encroachments."

V B 3: Suggest this task be restated to describe more specifically its intended meaning. It probably means subversion of Communist regimes in these countries.

V C 1: Suggest that countries listed in this group be arranged by area and in a suggested order of importance.

V C 2: Believe that Red China which is listed in this priority should take precedence over Southeast Asia which is listed in Priority One above. Also suggest that the European satellites should be listed in order of relative importance. (General Magruder and I discussed the general subject of priorities at some length and agreed that this topic should be discussed in detail when this plan is next taken up by the Representatives. It appears that General Magruder agrees generally that the defense of Western Europe is of greater urgency than is the attack on the European satellites but that in Asia the situation is reversed. General Magruder would urge that in Asia the preponderance of our effort be devoted at an all-out attack on the Chinese Communist regime on the very likely condition that Southeast Asia would not be in immediate danger of subversion if we were able to frustrate the consolidation of the Communist regime in China.) (With respect to the listing the satellites in order of importance, I explained that such listing will appear in Division Plans.)

V C 3: Inclined to agree with OPO that the USSR should be Priority #1. (I explained to General Magruder our concept in listing these tasks in this priority as being the order in which we would allocate our total effort in the period July 1951 to July 1953 and that a longer range plan would be devoted to the period beyond July 1953. This long-range plan would be devoted largely to operations against the USSR which would, therefore, make it Priority #1 in terms of our total effort for that period. In other words, the priority listing in the present plan is not in terms of importance but rather in terms of relative magnitude of the effort which will be devoted to the various tasks during the period of the present plan. General Magruder suggested that this section should be prefaced with an explanation of this concept so that it would be clear that while a greater portion of our resources would be devoted to priorities 1 and 2 during this period, an equal or greater amount of energy and genius would be devoted to doing everything possible against the USSR itself.)

V C 4: The priority

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V C 4: The priority listing in this task will probably be subject to change in the light of the decision by the NSC on the Magnitude Paper.

VI A 5: Suggest a more detailed statement of the area of responsibility of the Latin American Division.

VI B 4b: Suggest this sentence on the mission of FE be changed to read as follows: "Foster the emergence of and develop leadership which will not be subject to domination by the USSR and provide a secure locus for free Chinese elements in which to develop a non-Communist democratic regime." Suggest adding as an element of the FE mission the following: "Organize the resistance of overseas Chinese against the Chinese Communist regime."

VI B 6c: Suggest adding to this paragraph the requirement to prepare these defectors for eventual employment in the task of liberating their respective home countries. Our ultimate aim with respect to defectors is not rehabilitation and assimilation in the West, but rather getting them ready to go back to perform tasks in freeing their countries from Communist conquest.

VIII: Suggest that this section be expanded to include the general description of the functions of the CIA regional representatives in the various areas. This should include a broad statement of the function of the OPC station chiefs. Also suggest a general statement covering the relationship of OPC personnel to OSO in the field.

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